

BAD ROADS COST VIRGINIA FIFTY MILLIONS YEARLY

Secretary Ryland, of Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, Explains Loss to State.

"MUD TAX" IS STAGGERING

Calls Impassable Highways, Such as Chappawamsic Swamp, Disgrace to Commonwealth—Vote on Bond Issue in November.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., August 28.—Bad roads are costing Virginia at least \$50,000,000 a year. This is the conservative estimate of D. B. Ryland, business manager of the Lynchburg chamber of commerce. Mr. Ryland is familiar with road conditions in every section of the State. He has been talking the gospel of good roads for years.

Loss of surplus food products and the abandonment of farms because of almost impassable roads result in a loss to the State of \$2,000,000 annually, Mr. Ryland estimates. This he terms Virginia's "mud tax." Added to this sum is the loss of tourist travel through the Old Dominion because there is no highway system. This will bring the total loss to at least \$50,000,000, Mr. Ryland states.

"Chappawamsic Swamp road between Washington and Richmond is a disgrace to the State and it is daily keeping many tourists out of Virginia because recent rains have made it impassable," said Mr. Ryland yesterday, in discussing road conditions. "The State Highway Commission is not to blame because it could not get materials to fix the road on account of the freight embargo. The money was available some time ago for making a road through the swamp. Work on it is now in progress."

Relief Not Far Distant. "Worse still is the condition of

This Cop Marries, Fights, Resigns, All in One Day

WINCHESTER, VA., August 28.—Rather than submit to what he considered a gross insult in open court, Policeman Ben Arnel has resigned, and Patrolman Ernest Dove "walked out" sympathetically. Their resignations are effective September 1. Arnel, regarded as the most debonair member of the force, arrested Alvin Shade, of a local automobile agency, charged with disorderly conduct, and required him to deposit \$10 for his appearance in court. He was fined \$2 and costs, and when remanded by the court that \$10 was coming to him, Shade remarked: "Give the \$10 to Arnel, as he needs it to pay his bond."

Throwing off his badge and equipment, Arnel invited shade outside, and a rough and tumble fight attracted a large crowd to the city hall lawn. The men finally were pulled apart by policemen and bystanders, following which Arnel sent his resignation to Mayor Ward. Dove also resigned. It was a strenuous day for Officer Arnel, who had just been married and given good counsel by the clergyman on smooth sailing on the matrimonial sea.

hundreds of miles of other important roads in the State for which no money has yet been made available because of limited funds with which the Highway Commission has to work. These roads are exacting their "mud tax" every day on the people of the State and keeping visitors away. This condition should be remedied as soon as possible.

"The only way that an adequate highway system can be built is by a State bond issue. On its present limited basis, the Highway Commission cannot spend too much on roads in any one section. Two Legislatures have approved the joint resolution proposing an amendment to allow a State bond issue and the people will vote on it at the general election on November 2. If the amendment is passed, Virginia will begin to emerge from the mud and make great progress on its highway system. There is no adequate highway system."

EXPECT SHIPPING BOARD APPOINTMENTS SHORTLY

Geographical Distribution of Plans by President Wilson Delays Naming of Body.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—Anticipation that President Wilson would name the members of the new Shipping Board created by the merchant marine act was expressed to-night in official circles.

Careful study of the specific duties the appointments will be called upon to perform has led some officials to believe that the new board will consist of a business man, a banker, a shipbuilder, a lawyer, a railroad man, a ship operator and a naval officer. Transactions incident to sale of the government merchant fleet would require the experience of a practical business man. It was pointed out, while the many financial problems both as to sale of ships and the making of loans authorized by the act indicated the selection of a banker. A shipbuilder to direct the construction policy, a lawyer to deal with the board's legal problems, a railroad man to insure close connection between rail and water transportation and a naval officer for the relationship between the commerce and fleet would seem logical appointments, it was added.

Requirement of the act that the appointments be geographically distributed has been thought to be delaying the naming of the board. Two of the seven commissioners comprising the new board are to come from the Atlantic Coast, two from the Pacific Coast, one from a Gulf State, one from the interior and one from the Great Lakes section. The act also requires that not more than four members of the board shall be of the same political party.

In its present head, Admiral Benson, the board has an experienced naval officer, and in Commissioner Donald, a shipping operator and official. He said they regarded reappointment of these two present members of the board as almost a certainty.

Proposal to Qualify Is New to Winchester Girl

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, VA., August 28.—Miss Isabelle E. Baker, daughter of ex-Mayor Henry H. Baker, was the first woman to qualify to vote in Winchester, if not in the State, under the provisions of the nineteenth amendment.

The proposal to qualify was made to Miss Baker in the post-office lobby Friday morning by Representative E. W. Harrison, of the Seventh Virginia District, who met Miss Baker there by chance. With Judge Harrison as her guide, she appeared before the commissioner of the revenue and was assessed. Then she paid \$1.50 to the registrar of the first ward.

The second to register was Miss Frances W. Beverley, and the third was Miss Elsie Memphis. Mrs. Georgia Bryan Conrad, widow of Major Holmes Conrad, the noted Virginia lawyer, registered during the morning.

TENNESSEE VETERANS ARE IN FAVOR OF CASH BONUS

MEMPHIS, TENN., August 28.—Resolutions favoring a bonus for former service men, demanding compliance with the Federal administration's policy of giving discharged soldiers preference in filling civil service vacancies, and commending the military training which has been introduced into high schools and colleges were adopted at the concluding session here today of the annual State convention of the American Legion.

Officers elected included Phil B. Whitaker, Chattanooga, State commander; Guy H. May, Knoxville, adjutant; and Harry S. Berry, retiring commander, to be a member of the national executive committee. Chattanooga was selected to be the next meeting place at a date to be set by the State legislative committee, which also was authorized to name delegates to attend the national convention.

CANADA'S IDEALS THOSE OF U. S., GEDDES DECLARES

British Ambassador Tells Toronto Audience Clash With America Never Will Come.

TORONTO, CANADA, August 28.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, was the chief speaker today at the opening of the Canadian national exhibition here. He declared that Canada has a great opportunity of interpreting Great Britain to America and America to Great Britain.

Sir Auckland summarized the friendly relations of Canada and the United States, saying: "You are such close neighbors as to be almost economically interdependent, while your ideals and ambitions run on paths so closely parallel that even the watchman on the tower can see no reason why, with prudence and statescraft on both sides, they should ever clash."

Declaring that not yet and not for a long time would the spirit of peace be re-established in the hearts of men, Sir Auckland said the British empire could not hope to remain in "splendid isolation."

"We cannot isolate ourselves from the thought currents of humanity," said the ambassador. "Whether we will it or not, whether we like it or no, we must be prepared to meet every jar and to endure every shock and every blow which angry men, disappointed men, mad men, can deliver to the framework of society. To meet them, to endure them without flinching, is an affair of the spirit made strong by faith in some great ideal—the ideal of ordered freedom. But to meet and endure them without failure is required not

only spiritual fortitude, but material preparation. "I see you, Canada, with your vast natural, unwasted wealth, as the sheet anchor now of the empire that we love. Within a century you will be numbering your population not by millions, but by tens, perhaps by hundreds, of millions."

Mexican Rebels Routed.

MEXICO CITY, August 28.—A rebel band said to have come from the United States and believed to have been commanded by Jose Maria Yagor, former Governor of Sonora, clashed with government forces at Altar, Sonora, and were driven back.

towards the United States, it was stated in a report received here today from General Carlos Plank, chief of operations at Cana of the same state. El Democrita says that the rebels lost two dead and six wounded and declares these were North American filibusters.

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